



# TYNGSBOROUGH

## Middlesex County



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## NARRATIVE

### **Narrative**

The Town of Tyngsborough is a small residential community located in the northwest section of Middlesex County. Composed of 17.86 square miles of land and surface water, bordering the towns of Dunstable, Groton, Westford, Chelmsford, Dracut, the City of Lowell, as well as the State of New Hampshire, and divided by the Merrimack River, Tyngsborough is dotted with numerous streams, lakes and great ponds. Long recognized as the 'gateway' to the White Mountains and located only thirty minutes from Boston along the Route 3 corridor, Tyngsborough enjoys a strategic position in the Merrimack Valley. During the past three years Tyngsborough has experienced a tremendous burst in residential construction but has retained the charm of a small rural community.

Tyngsborough, was founded in 1675 by Colonel Jonathan Tyng, and the Tyng Mansion House, was one of the oldest homes north of Boston. During the founding period, settlers of Tyngsborough fought a series of small, but often bloody skirmishes with local indian tribes, several colonial era homes in town still have emergency passage ways used during attacks. On February 23, 1809, Tyngsborough was incorporated as a town, breaking from Chemsford,

Dunstable, and the parishes in Billerica. As the town grew, Tyngsborough became known for its ferries, quarries, and box companies. Until the late 1960's, Tyngsborough was a vacation community with a large seasonal population.

Today, Tyngsborough is a growing community of over 10,000 residents. A new Junior Senior High School, a new Police Station, and a progressive capital plan epitomize the community's desire to have the services of a larger community and all the charm of a small New England town.

(Narrative supplied by community)



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# GEOGRAPHY

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## Location

Northeastern Massachusetts, bordered by Westford and Chelmsford on the south; Lowell and Dracut on the east; Nashua and Hudson, New Hampshire, on the north; and Groton and Dunstable on the west and northwest. Tyngsborough is about 7 miles west of Lowell, 31 miles northwest of Boston, 26 miles northeast of Fitchburg, and 235 miles from New York City.

**Total Area:** 18.05 sq. miles

**Land Area:** 16.85 sq. miles

**Population:** 8,642

**Density:** 513 per sq. mile

## Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Bedford Station)

Normal temperature in January.....24.3°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.2°F

Normal annual precipitation.....44.8"

## U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Nashua South, Lowell, Westford

## Regional Planning Agency

Northern Middlesex

## Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Lowell



# GOVERNMENT

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## Municipal Offices

Main Number: (978) 649-2300

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

## Form of Government

Board of Selectmen  
Executive Assistant  
Open Town Meeting

## Year Incorporated

As a town: 1809

## Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	4,604		
Democrats	1,374	29.8	%
Republicans	616	13.4	%
Other parties	1	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	2,613	56.8	%

## Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



# DEMOGRAPHICS

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic Area: Tyngsborough town, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	11,081	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	11,081	100.0
Male.....	5,470	49.4	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	123	1.1
Female.....	5,611	50.6	Mexican.....	11	0.1
Under 5 years.....	987	8.9	Puerto Rican.....	34	0.3
5 to 9 years.....	919	8.3	Cuban.....	7	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	967	8.7	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	71	0.6
15 to 19 years.....	686	6.2	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	10,958	98.9
20 to 24 years.....	435	3.9	White alone.....	10,499	94.7
25 to 34 years.....	1,608	14.5	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	2,350	21.2	Total population.....	11,081	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	1,665	15.0	In households.....	11,070	99.9
55 to 59 years.....	421	3.8	Householder.....	3,731	33.7
60 to 64 years.....	311	2.8	Spouse.....	2,517	22.7
65 to 74 years.....	409	3.7	Child.....	3,966	35.8
75 to 84 years.....	265	2.4	Own child under 18 years.....	3,192	28.8
85 years and over.....	58	0.5	Other relatives.....	501	4.5
Median age (years).....	34.7	(X)	Under 18 years.....	142	1.3
18 years and over.....	7,721	69.7	Nonrelatives.....	355	3.2
Male.....	3,751	33.9	Unmarried partner.....	182	1.6
Female.....	3,970	35.8	In group quarters.....	11	0.1
21 years and over.....	7,427	67.0	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	902	8.1	Noninstitutionalized population.....	11	0.1
65 years and over.....	732	6.6	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	309	2.8	Total households.....	3,731	100.0
Female.....	423	3.8	Family households (families).....	2,949	79.0
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	1,665	44.6
One race.....	10,971	99.0	Married-couple family.....	2,517	67.5
White.....	10,597	95.6	With own children under 18 years.....	1,455	39.0
Black or African American.....	55	0.5	Female householder, no husband present.....	318	8.5
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	25	0.2	With own children under 18 years.....	164	4.4
Asian.....	275	2.5	Nonfamily households.....	782	21.0
Asian Indian.....	95	0.9	Householder living alone.....	602	16.1
Chinese.....	35	0.3	Householder 65 years and over.....	183	4.9
Filipino.....	5	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	1,755	47.0
Japanese.....	-	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	565	15.1
Korean.....	28	0.3	Average household size.....	2.97	(X)
Vietnamese.....	37	0.3	Average family size.....	3.37	(X)
Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....	75	0.7	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	4	-	Total housing units.....	3,806	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	3,731	98.0
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	1	-	Vacant housing units.....	75	2.0
Samoa.....	3	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....	-	-	occasional use.....	22	0.6
Some other race.....	15	0.1	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.4	(X)
Two or more races.....	110	1.0	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	3.1	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: <sup>3</sup>			Occupied housing units.....	3,731	100.0
White.....	10,695	96.5	Owner-occupied housing units.....	3,144	84.3
Black or African American.....	89	0.8	Renter-occupied housing units.....	587	15.7
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	59	0.5	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	3.14	(X)
Asian.....	313	2.8	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.02	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	9	0.1			
Some other race.....	44	0.4			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



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# HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

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**Home Sales** (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

**Subsidized Housing Units** (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

**Public Housing Units** (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 116

Conventional Federal: 0

**Rental Assistance**(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 2

Federal (Section 8): 0



# TRANSPORTATION

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## TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

The development of transportation resources in the Merrimack River Valley, where Tyngsborough is situated, was shaped by the history of the region as a major site of American industrial development in the nineteenth century. The area has exceptionally good highway and rail facilities linking the major cities and towns to each other and to the port, airport, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

### Major Highways

Principal highways are U.S. Route 3 running N-S between Nashua, New Hampshire and the Boston region, and State Route 113.

### Rail

Commuter rail service to North Station, Boston, is available from neighboring Lowell. Travel time 45-49 min.; 680 MBTA parking spaces. Freight rail service is available from the Springfield Terminal Railway. Contact number: (978) 663-1073

### Bus

Tyngsborough is a member of the Lowell Regional Transit Authority (LRTA), which provides fixed bus service between Lowell and Tyngsborough. Paratransit services for the elderly and disabled are available through the Council on Aging.

### Other

The Tew-Mac Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility, is easily accessible. It has 2 asphalt runways 2,600'x 60' and 2,830'x 26'. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision. Other nearby airports include the Lawrence Municipal Airport in North Andover and L.G. Hanscom Field in Bedford.



# CULTURE AND RECREATION

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## LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

## MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

## RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

**Recreational Facilities** (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



# MISCELLANEOUS

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## HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

### Hospitals

None

### Long Term Care

None

### Hospices

None

### Rest Homes

None

### UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)



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